



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB 169th ANNUAL CRUISE

July 26-August 2, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club (NYYC). The Annual Cruise website is on the member side of the NYYC website at <https://nyyc.org/group/pages/169th-annual-cruise>.

1 RULES AND CLASSES

- 1.1 The Annual Cruise will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). In addition, the NYYC By-Laws and Yacht Routine will apply.
- 1.2 **ORC Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker:** The current ORC Rules shall apply to yachts racing under ORC and ORC Non-spinnaker. Yachts with ORC International and ORC Club certificates will be scored together. More information can be found at <https://nyyc.org/group/pages/orc>.
- a) **ORC Spinnaker Class:** Children who have not yet turned 16 on the last day of racing will not count against the crew limit. This changes ORC Rule 200.1.
- b) **ORC Non-spinnaker Class:** The following changes shall apply to yachts competing in ORC Non-spinnaker classes:
- The allowable crew on board while racing is limited to the number of berths.
 - Children who have not yet turned 16 on the last day of racing will not count against the crew limit. There is no weight limit. This changes ORC Rule 200.1.
- c) **ORC Double-handed Class**
- If there are six or more entries they may be placed in their own class or dual-scored within their existing class.
- d) **ORC All Classes:** ORC Rule 201.2 is deleted for all ORC classes.
- 1.3 **Cruising Rule:** The current NYYC Cruising Rule (NYYC CR) shall apply to yachts racing under NYYC CR. The NYYC CR is a formula-based rating rule that uses owner-furnished measurement data to rate heavier displacement cruising yachts. The complete formula and class rules can be found at: <https://nyyc.org/group/pages/nyyc-cruising-rule>. The following change shall apply:
- a) The NYYC CR rule “Crew is limited to the number of berths” is changed to: “The number of crew age 16 or older shall be limited to the number of berths. Children who have not yet turned 16 on the last day of racing will not count against the crew limit.”
- 1.4 **Classics:** The current CRF rating shall apply to all yachts racing in the Classics division. NOR Addendum 1 – NYYC Classics Rules shall apply. More information can be found at <https://nyyc.org/group/pages/crf-classics-rule>.
- 1.5 **One-Design:** Classes with a minimum of six entries, or as otherwise approved by the OA, may be given their own start. The Class Rules for such class shall apply, except as may be changed by this notice of race or the sailing instructions.
- 1.6 **Multihull:** The current MOCRA rule shall apply to multihulls racing in the multihull division.
- 1.7 **Winches:** Except as noted in NOR Addendum 1 for the Classics division, yachts in non-spinnaker divisions will be permitted to use electric and hydraulic winches. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.8 **NOR Addendum 2 – US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER)** shall apply:
- All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the USSER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.

- USSER 2.4.2, 2.4.3, and USSER 2.4.4.1 through 2.4.9 regarding Hull and Structure: Lifelines shall apply, except that boats not normally rigged with lifelines are exempt from these requirements and crew shall wear USCG-approved PFDs at all times while racing.
- In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

- 1.9 Advertising will be restricted in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 1.10 Identification numbers shall be clearly visible on either the mainsail, overlapping headsail or on a special weather cloth attached to the lifelines. These numbers shall be registered with the Race Committee by the entry deadline. This changes RRS 77 and Appendix G.
- 1.11 The terms ‘yacht’ and ‘boat’ will be interchangeable in this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any other race documents pertaining to the regatta.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Yachts shall be Enrolled yachts in accordance with NYYC By-Law Chapter XIII Section 1, yachts of the IC37 class owned or chartered by members, or as determined to be eligible by the Commodore.
- 2.2 While racing, a New York Yacht Club member must be on board all yachts except those invited by the Commodore.
- 2.3 Paid hands shall not be at the helm of a yacht at any time while racing unless in an emergency or by specific permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.4 Entry shall be made online on the regatta website. The entry deadline is Friday, July 11.
- 2.5 Crew list must be submitted by Friday, July 11. An entry is considered incomplete until this is received.
- 2.6 Unless otherwise permitted by the OA, participation in the Astor Cup Race Day is restricted to yachts entered in the Annual Cruise and participating in no less than two of the Squadron Runs.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for yachts participating in the entire Cruise is \$900. This includes one tender for racing yachts. There may be additional charges for scheduled socials.
- 3.2 For yachts participating from July 26 to July 29, or July 30 to August 2, the entry fee is \$500. There may be additional charges for scheduled socials.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Registration:** Yachts will rendezvous in Marblehead, MA. Registration will be open at Eastern Yacht Club from 1600-1800 on Saturday, July 26. Cruise Books, class assignments and scratch sheets will be distributed at registration. Yachts joining the Cruise after July 26 shall register with the Race Committee aboard the signal boat.
- 4.2 **Captains’ Meeting:** A Captains’ Meeting will be held at 1800 on Saturday, July 26, at Eastern Yacht Club. Attendance is limited to the captain or designee, plus one crewmember.
- 4.3 **Daily Schedule:**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event location</u>
Sat	July 26	Registration	1600-1800	Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
		Captains’ Meeting	1800	Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
		Opening Reception	1830	Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA
Sun	July 27	Squadron Run #1	1000	Marblehead, MA to Scituate*, MA
Mon	July 28	Astor Cup	1000	Scituate*, MA to Duxbury, MA
Tue	July 29	Squadron Run #2	1000	Duxbury, MA to Provincetown, MA
		Flag Officers’ Reception	1800	Pilgrim Museum
Wed	July 30	Lay Day		Provincetown, MA
Thu	July 31	Squadron Run #3	1000	Provincetown, MA to Marion, MA
Fri	Aug 1	Squadron Run #4	1000	Marion, MA to Vineyard Haven, MA
Sat	Aug 2	Squadron Run #5	1100	Vineyard Haven, MA to Newport, RI
		Final Cruise Event	1800	NYYC Harbour Court
				Cruise Disbands

*The finish for Squadron Run #1 and the start of Astor Cup will be located in the vicinity of Harding Ledge Lighted Bell Buoy 1HL, between Scituate and Hingham.

5 MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES

Each yacht shall provide a valid, current rating certificate to the NYYC Sailing Office no later than Friday, July 11.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on the Annual Cruise website and included in the Cruise Book.

7 COURSES

Courses will be described in the sailing instructions. Drop mark races may be used for one or more classes on Astor Cup Race Day.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be two places within a boat's division.

8.2 In addition to the requirements in RRS 44.3, a yacht that has taken a penalty shall complete an online penalty acknowledgement form and alert the Race Committee not later than 2000 on the day of the incident.

9 SCORING

9.1 Five Squadron Runs are scheduled and form a series. A yacht's series score will be the total of all her race scores in these races. No score will be excluded. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes RRS A2.

9.2 Astor Cup Race Day will be scored separately.

9.3 Yachts that start, but fail to finish within the time limit for any reason shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of yachts in her class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus two. In no case shall a yacht receive a score worse than one point more than the number of starters in her class on that day. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded as described below:

a) Astor Cup Race Day:

i. The Astor Cup will be awarded to the winning yacht in ORC Class I.

ii. The Una, Corsair and Dickerson Cups may be awarded as appropriate.

iii. A first place trophy will be awarded to the winning yacht in non-Cup classes if two or more yachts start in a class.

b) Points Trophies: Overall Points Trophies, commensurate with the number of points earned, will be awarded to each yacht earning points during the Cruise.

i. Yachts finishing first in a class in a Squadron Run or on Astor Cup Race Day will earn four points;

ii. Yachts finishing second in a class in a Squadron Run or on Astor Cup Race Day will earn two points;

iii. Yachts finishing third in a class in a Squadron Run or on Astor Cup Race Day will earn one point.

10.2 All prizes, cups and trophies will be awarded at the Annual Awards Dinner in New York on Thursday, November 13, 2025, to which all members and their guests are invited.

10.3 The CYGNET CUP may be awarded to the enrolled yacht that in the opinion of the Race Committee makes an outstanding performance during the Cruise, including the Squadron Runs and Astor Cup Race Day.

10.4 The CRUISING RULE CUP may be awarded at the discretion of the Flag Officers to a yacht in the New York Yacht Club CR division, owned and sailed by a NYYC member, that best exemplifies the traditions of yachting by her upkeep and appearance and performs admirably on the Cruise.

10.5 The EDWARD WELCH CLUCAS MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the yacht having the fastest elapsed time on the longest run of the Cruise.

10.6 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

10.7 The following Cups and Trophies may be awarded to the yachts with the best cumulative scores in their class for the series (additional trophies may also be awarded):

- a) Royal Yacht Squadron Cup
- b) H. Irving Pratt Memorial Trophy
- c) Cumberland Cup
- d) Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Bowl
- e) Navy Members Cup
- f) Venona Cup 1913
- g) Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Trophy
- h) Royal Perth Yacht Club Trophy
- i) Titania Cup
- j) Venona Cup 1912
- k) Commodore's Cup 1901
- l) Reliance Cup

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit, prior to racing, an online liability waiver/media release. The waiver form link can be found on the Annual Cruise [website](#).

11.2 Competitors and guests participate in the Annual Cruise entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 and USSER 1.2, Overall: Responsibility.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please visit the Annual Cruise website at <https://nyyc.org/group/pages/169th-annual-cruise> or contact the Sailing Office at:

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